IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, paragraph 2, line 4 as follows:

Various phosphors which emit blue, green and red lights in combination with a light source of light emission in the region from near-ultraviolet light to visible light are exemplified in patent document 1. Of these, an ~~alkali~~ alkaline earth metal silicate phosphor is described to emit light in a blue color and a red color.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 as follows:

it has been found that an ~~alkali~~ alkaline earth silicate phosphor having a novel composition and a specified crystal structure high-efficiently emits red or white light to excitation light in the region from near-ultraviolet light to visible light, thus completing the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 37, paragraph 3, line 5 as follows:

As described above, it has become clear that all the phosphors having high emission intensity which are obtained in the present invention contain the above-mentioned specified crystal phase. From this, it is true that they are a phosphor comprising a crystal phase of an ~~alkali~~ alkaline earth silicate containing at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ba, Sr, Ca and Mg, and a phosphor characterized